

BATTLE WILL OPEN TODAY

The Legislature Will Vote for United States Senator.

MR. QUAY IS CONFIDENT

Believes That the Struggle Will Be Short and Decisive, and That He Will Be Elected—The Anti-Quay Contingent Also Takes a Hopeful View of the Situation—John Wanamaker on the Ground.

Harrisburg, Jan. 16.—The great battle for United States senator will open in earnest tomorrow with the taking of the first ballot in the senate and house. The two houses will vote separately at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and in joint session on Wednesday. If the same person receives a majority of all the votes in each house he will be declared elected.

The fight is between Senator Quay, backed by the 109 senators and members who took part in the Republican caucus; George A. Jones, of Brownsville, the candidate of the Democratic caucus; and a half dozen of "favorite sons" nominated by the anti-Quay Republican legislators. With the Democrats and anti-Quayites voting for their candidates the indications are there will be a deadlock.

Senator Quay's managers are confident there will be only one result and that his re-election. The Republican senators and members oppose to his candidacy are just as confident he will be elected. The Democrats know they cannot elect their candidate and are leaving the Republicans to fight it out among themselves.

Secretary Martin Resigns. The features of the day's skirmish were the resignation of David Martin as secretary of the commonwealth and the conference of the anti-Quay Republican senators and members.

Secretary Alger is MUM. Washington, Jan. 16.—In answer to a direct question, Secretary Alger, at the close of the official day, said that the war department had taken no action in the case of Commissary General Eagan, but when the inquiry was pursued he declined to say one word as to his intentions in the matter.

Another Clue Spoiled. The mysterious box sent to Cornish contained cigars. Binghamton, New York, Jan. 16.—The mysterious oblong box, mailed from this city on Saturday to "Harry Cornish, Knickerbocker Athletic Club, New York City," and which it was suggested was an infernal machine, sent by persons interested in the Adams prize case contained cigars.

Search for a Lost Vessel. Mobile, Ala., Jan. 16.—Under orders from the treasury department at Washington, the revenue cutter Winona left here this morning at 9:30 o'clock to search the Gulf coast for the missing pleasure yacht "Paul Jones, now more than two weeks from New Orleans to Pensacola.

Supreme Court Decisions. Philadelphia, Jan. 16.—In the Supreme court today petitions for appeals were allowed in borough of Jeannette vs. Penn 120 weeks from New Orleans to Pensacola.

THE FUNERAL OF NELSON DINGLEY

ATTENDED BY THE PRESIDENT, CABINET AND MEMBERS.

SILVER IS ALIVE.

According to the Opinion of Col. W. J. Bryan.

Washington, Jan. 16.—A state funeral, almost majestic in its impressiveness, was given to late Representative Nelson Dingley at noon in the house of representatives, where he has so long been such a commanding figure.

General Eagan's Explanation. Goaded to Desperation by General Miles' Charges—He Apologizes to the War Investigation Commission, but Maintains His Anger Was Excusable—Remits His Statement Revised as Requested.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Commissary General Eagan has sent to the War Investigation Commission a revised statement in place of the one he read before that body in response to General Miles' charges as to the quality of the army beef rations.

Views of a Correspondent of the London Times. Mexico City, Jan. 16.—Charles Akers, correspondent of the London Times in Cuba, is here. He praises highly the conduct of the American regular troops during the Cuban campaign.

Opening of Prussian Diet. Emperor William in His Speech Says the Situation is Favorable. Berlin, Jan. 16.—The Prussian diet was opened today with a speech from the throne, in which Emperor William declared that the financial situation continued favorable, the bases of both political and national life being soundly established and the prosperity of the country visibly growing.

Decisions for Kid McPartland. Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Kid McPartland, of New York, secured the decision over Jack Carrig, of Olean, in their twenty-round bout at catchweights for the Olympic Athletic club tonight.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Jan. 16.—New York—Arrived: Servia, Liverpool; Weimar, Bremen. Antwerp—Sailed: New York, New York.

Battle on the Blue Nile. London, Jan. 16.—The official report of the alleged defeat of the British force on the Blue Nile by the Dervishes under Emir Felehi and the total destruction of the Tenth Legion, which was sent to the Blue Nile to do battle with the Dervishes, does not attach the slightest credence to the report.

STATE SENATE IS ORGANIZED

GEN. GOBIN PRESENTS HIS RESIGNATION.

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INAUGURAL PROGRAMME

Opened Yesterday on Arrival of Governor-Elect Stone.

WILL CLOSE TONIGHT

The Governor-Elect and Family Are Entertained at the Executive Mansion, Where Luncheon Is Given in Their Honor—Governor Hastings Holds an Informal Reception to the Attaches of the Department on the Hill—Political Clubs Arrive.

Harrisburg, Jan. 16.—The inaugural programme opened yesterday with the arrival of Governor-elect William A. Stone and family and will conclude tomorrow evening with a public reception at the executive mansion. Colonel Stone will be inducted into office at noon tomorrow with simple ceremonies at the west side of the capitol. At the close of the exercises the governor and other incoming and retiring state officials will be driven to a large platform along the river front to witness the parade.

Upon the arrival of Governor-elect Stone, Mrs. Stone and Miss Stone from Washington at 5 o'clock this afternoon, they and their Washington party were met at the Union station by the joint inaugural committee and escorted to the Lochiel hotel, where a suite of rooms has been elegantly fitted up and decorated for their brief occupancy.

The large dining room of the mansion was decorated in pink and white and the mantels, sideboards, buffet and corners were hidden behind palms and portulaca plants. The parlor was also handsomely decorated. The guests were: Governor-elect and Mrs. Stone, Attorney General and Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. David Martin, Mrs. J. W. Roney, Private Secretary and Mrs. L. E. Bettler, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dull, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Calder, Colonel and Mrs. W. F. Reeder, Congressman M. E. Olmstead, Mrs. W. O. Hickok, of Harrisburg. After the luncheon Governor and Mrs. Stone retired to the residence of a Harrisburg friend and the Stone family took possession of the mansion.

INFORMAL RECEPTION. At the executive department this morning Governor-elect Stone had an informal reception to the attaches of the departments on the hill. He bade them all farewell and spoke of the pleasure it had given him to be associated with them during the four years of his administration. The attaches all passed through the receiving line and shook him by the hand. Governor Hastings had a pleasant word for each, and the little ceremony was none the less appreciated by the men who helped to make the administration.

Many of the political clubs which will meet in the coming days have in the city today and were assigned to headquarters. All of the clubs are accompanied by bands and attract a great deal of attention with their waving banners and flags. The hotels are filling up with visitors and the largest crowd in recent years is expected in the city tomorrow.

BROOKE'S CABINET. Advisors to the Administration at Havana Are Chosen. Havana, Jan. 16.—This afternoon Governor General Brooke announced the following appointments in a newly constituted cabinet of advisors to the administration: Department of government—Domingo Mendez Capote. Department of finance—Pablo Desvergne. Department of justice and public instruction—Jose Antonio Gonzalez Lanas. Department of agriculture, industry, commerce and public works—Adolfo Saenz Yanez.

Against Incompetent Inspectors. Hartford, Conn., Jan. 16.—At today's session the Bricklayers and Masons' International union opened a resolution prepared by United No. 1, of Pennsylvania, calling attention to the alleged incompetency of inspectors employed upon government buildings was discussed and adopted.

The Hillman Case. Philadelphia, Jan. 16.—The Supreme court today affirmed the decision of the court of over and termor of Allegheny county in the case of William Hillman, who was convicted in October last of murdering Herbert Spang, a year-old girl, in Pittsburg. Hillman had been sentenced to death.

Mistake of the Jury. Harrisburg, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Annie Winston, convicted of administering poison to her husband, James Winston, was today sentenced to twenty years in the Eastern Penitentiary. In sentencing the prisoner Judge Simonton said: "The jury made a mistake in not making it a first degree verdict."

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